



Mid-Region Council of Governments of New Mexico

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NEW MEXICO RECEIVES NATIONAL BICYCLING & WALKING GRANT

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The Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) is one of twelve Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) chosen by the National Center for Bicycling & Walking (NCBW) to participate in its Walkable Community Workshops program. The program is endorsed by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPOs). The goal is to bring together elected officials, public agencies, public health practitioners, planners, and engineers to focus attention on making communities more pedestrian friendly.

The Walkable Community Workshop program concentrates on identifying real world problems and hands-on solutions for each community. Once the elements of a “walkable community” are assessed, participants take interpretive walking tours, called “walkabouts” or “ped audits”, of pre-determined study areas. These tours are important because they give participants a true pedestrian perspective.

The MRCOG will be working with local communities to identify potential sites for each of the eight workshops that will be held next spring.

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